

CHP Summit 2019 Breakout Session Speaker Summaries:  
Adopting Transportation Alternatives for Young Professionals

Jared Tremblay, Flint Hills Metropolitan Planning Organization:

- Cars = expensive
- Space = expensive
- The perception issue
- Bike boulevards
- Trails
- All Ages and Abilities
- Protected bike lanes
- Bike share programs (like Green Apple Bikes)

Scott Wadle, City of Wichita:

- Talented and educated youth
- New bikeways
- Transit ridership
- Wichita had just 1% growth in GDP
- Human capital problem
- Outmigration and brain drain
- Wichita's low cost of living
- Weak forms of transportation
- Capital Improvement Projects and budget
- Community plans
- Advisory Board
- Investments
- Partners are key
- Bikeways map
- Funding from CDC, KDHE, and KDOT

Taylor Ricketts, Topeka Metropolitan Transit Authority:

- Complete Streets Introduction
- Complete Streets Resolutions
- Bikeways Master Plan
- Bikeways Advisory Committee
- Including nonprofit partner
- Heat mapping
- Citizen-based Complete Streets Committee
- Complete Streets Guidelines
- Community buy-in

- Separate bicycle and pedestrian plans
- Prioritized Active Transportation

Jesse Benedick, Schwab-Eaton:

- Rural Kansas and funding
- Hurdles include:
  - Transportation needs
  - Leaders unaware
  - No funding
  - Brain drain
  - Lack of technical assistance experts
  - Lack of data
  - Lack of communication
  - Jurisdictions
- Solutions:
  - Regional foundation
  - Informing leaders
  - Building relationships
  - Getting kids involved
  - Technical assistance for community
  - Reports and measures
  - Safe Routes to School
  - Rails to Trails projects
  - Creative Placemaking and downtown beautification
  - Railroad crossings
  - Park improvements